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DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS IJT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress so far made in the development of an indigenous Intermediate Jet Trainer(IJT) aircraft and procurement of its engine;
- (b) the stage at which the project stands at present;
- (c) the expenditure incurred thereon so far;and
- (d) the steps further contemplated in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c): Two prototype aircraft have completed 412 test flights. The aircraft has been tested to its full altitude envelope. A contract has been entered into between HAL and Rosoboronexport/NPO Saturn of Russia for supply of 6 engines as first lot for Limited Series Production. Two flight worthy prototype engines are expected to be received during December, 2008 & the prototype aircraft is expected to commence its flight testing in January, 2009 with the new flight worthy prototype engine. The second prototype is currently engaged in the speed envelope expansion to the final requirement. An amount of Rs. 376 crore has been incurred on the project so far.

(d) The final certification of the aircraft is expected to be obtained by June, 2010.